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## NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *September 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following weekly report: Three steamships have been inspected and cleared for New Orleans, viz, the *Alabama*, *Jno. Wilson*, and *Breifond*, none of which carried passengers; copies of certificates given to masters are inclosed. For the week ended August 25, 3 deaths occurred in Bluefields—1 native adult of abscess and bilious fever; 1 native adult, tuberculosis; 1 native adult, diarrhea and rheumatism. The sanitary condition of this port and adjacent territory continues good.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *September 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: One steamship, the *Hiram*, has been inspected and cleared for New Orleans. No passengers. Copy of certificate given master inclosed.

There were 3 deaths in Bluefields in the week ended September 2, 1900—1 native child, malarial fever; 1 native infant, convulsions; 1 native adult, tuberculosis. The general health of the town and vicinity continues good.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## PARAGUAY.

*Plague reported in Asuncion.*ASUNCION, PARAGUAY, *July 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have to report the appearance of the bubonic plague in this consular district, and also to inclose clipping and translation of the decree of the Paraguayan Government declaring officially the existence of the plague in this country.

Respectfully,

W. HARRISON,

*United States Vice-Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

*Against the enemies of the communities.*ASUNCION, *July 24, 1900.*

The government of the Republic has issued the following decree, taking precautionary measures, and which must be adopted to prevent the development and importation of infectious diseases to which it refers:

Compliant to the note of the 23d instant of the national board of health communicating the existence of some cases of the bubonic pest according to microscopical examination practiced by the bacteriologist Dr. Elmossian with specimens taken from a sick person suspected of infectious fever, although it has not been possible to make a complete bacteriological examination because the institute with the apparatus lately acquired in Europe has not yet been definitely organized.

That from the investigations practiced it results that the germs of said disease have been imported in some shipment of flour and wheat from Argentine ports.

Considering it necessary to adopt precautionary measures which the circumstances require so as to suffocate the evil after hearing the council of ministers.